period by Punjab to enabl'e Rajasthan to use waters of Link Canal and Ganga Nagar Canal for irrigation purposes and share of water from Ravi and Beas?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SH'UIKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The article mainly refers to twi issues, namely the request of Rajasthan Government to Government of Punjab to have a closure on the Sirhind feeder for 15 days and the question of sharing of Yamuna waters between the Basin States.

(c) A meeting was taken by the Cabinet Secretary with Chief Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on 7-2-1992 when it was concluded that the appropriate time for the closure of Sirhind for 15 days would be between 20th March and 20th April. The schedule of cosure and requisite notifications would be kept ready by Punjab a for approval and appropriate action as soon as the newly elected Government of Punjab assumed office. Accordingly, the matter has been taken up with the Government of Punjab.

Integrated ground water utilisation Scheme

4336. SHRI I. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to implement Integrated Ground water utilisation scheme thoughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The National Water Policy adopted by the Government in 1987 emphasises integrated and coordinated development of surface and ground water and their conjunctive use. In pursuance of this policy, the Central Ground Water Board has taken up pilot schemes for the conjunctive use of ground and surface water in Sarda Sahayak Command Project, Uttar Pradesh, Mahi Kadana Canal Command Project Gujarat and Indira Gandhi Nahar Priyojna, Rajasthan. The Board also proposes to undertake basinwise studies and pilot artificial recharge studies in the country for integrated use of surface and ground water during the VIII Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds for water projects of Madhya Pradesh

4337. SHRI GHUFRAM AZAM:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh having been surrounded by • as many as seven states has to cater for many inter-state river and water projects for which the State has no adequate funds;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction more funds to the Madhya Pradesh for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Outlays for irrigation projects are provided in the State Plan which consist of Centra] Assistance and State Resources. The Central assistance is given to the State in the form of block loans/grants on the basis of a formula evolved for the purpose taking into account the factors like population, per capita income, performance and special problems. For expeditious completion of some of the Nationally important irrigation projects in the country including inter-state projects, it has been contemplated to provide special Central assistance 1o the States. Additional Central assistance for externally assisted projects is being made available in accordance with the existing guidelines.